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Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility and suitability of constructing a storage reservoir, outlet works, and a delivery system for the Tule River Indian Tribe of California to provide a water supply for domestic, municipal, industrial, and agricultural purposes, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Tule River Tribe
5 Water Development Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. STUDY.**

7 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—Not later than 2 years after
8 funds are appropriated for this section or the signing of
9 a reserved water rights settlement agreement by the Tule
10 River Tribe and other settling water users, whichever is
11 later, the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bu-
12 reau of Reclamation, shall complete a feasibility study to
13 evaluate alternatives (including alternatives for a phase I
14 reservoir storage of an amount of water not to exceed
15 5,000 acre feet) for a domestic, commercial, municipal, in-
16 dustrial, and irrigation water supply for the Tule River
17 Tribe of the Tule River Reservation.

18 (b) REPORT.—Upon completion of the study con-
19 ducted under subsection (a), the Secretary of the Interior
20 shall transmit the study to the Committee on Natural Re-
21 sources of the House of Representatives and the Com-
22 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Com-
23 mittee on Indian Affairs of the Senate.

1 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
2 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of the Inte-
3 rior \$3,000,000 to carry out this section.

4 **SEC. 3. CONDITIONS FOR FUTURE PROJECTS.**

5 No project conducted in relation to the feasibility
6 study conducted under section 2 shall provide water sup-
7 plies for the proposed Tribal casino to be located in prox-
8 imity to California Highway 190 near Lake Success, or
9 any other Tribal casino, except—

10 (1) the casino in its current form and dimen-
11 sions operated by the Tribe on the Tule River Res-
12 ervation; and

13 (2) any lodging, dining, entertainment, meeting
14 space, parking, or other similar facilities which may
15 be constructed in the future in support of current
16 on-Reservation gaming activities, or in support of
17 any future expansion of on-Reservation gaming ac-
18 tivities.

Passed the House of Representatives September 17,
2008.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.